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INITIAL REMARKS

Claim 27 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner to address a claim objection. Accordingly, it is submitted that the amendment raises no new issues, does not require an additional search and/or places the application in a better condition for allowance and/or appeal. Therefore, entry of the amendment is considered proper and is respectfully requested.

The remaining issues are addressed in the remarks section. In particular, it will be demonstrated that the reference to Kung does not teach or reasonably suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.